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OF MALTED CEREALS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

As a result of the interview on February 18, 2000, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of a  
malted cereal comprising: introducing activated spores in an  
amount of at least  $1 \times 10^2$  per gram of dry cereal to a cereal  
before or during a malting process.

53. (Once Amended) A method as recited in claim 52  
wherein, the activated spores are activated by treatments  
selected from the group consisting of  
[cycles of wetting,  
cycles of drying,]  
cycles of wetting and drying,  
addition of nutritional supplies [or addition of spore